

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 13, 2022*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, The DBE Gross Receipts amendment removes the transportation-specific average annual gross receipts limit in favor of the Small Business Administration's governmentwide small business size standards under the North American Industry Classification System. The Small Business Administration's governmentwide small business size standards are a more accurate and consistent measure of small business size, and better achieve the objectives of the disadvantaged business enterprise program. This change also conforms the size standards applicable to disadvantaged business enterprises that compete for business in federally assisted surface transportation markets across the United States to those currently applicable to disadvantaged business enterprises that compete for Federal Aviation Administration-assisted work, which have been subject only to the Small Business Administration's governmentwide size standards since a similar change was enacted in the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 2018.

## HONORING CORPORAL NATHAN CARLSON

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2022*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corporal Nathan Carlson, who tragically passed away during an Osprey crash on June 8, 2022, along with four other Marines.

Corporal Nathan Carlson was born in Rockford, Illinois and graduated from Harlem High School in 2019, where he was captain of the swim team. Upon graduation, he followed his dream and enlisted in the Marine Corps, like his father before him, and attended boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. He graduated in August of 2019 and officially earned the title of marine. After a year of additional training, he reported to Marine Air Group 39, specifically Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 364, in September of 2020. It was here that he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and served as a leader in the Flight Line Division, both as a Basic Instructor Crew Chief and Plane Captain. In April 2021, he deployed to Al-Jaber Air Base in Kuwait, followed by Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia. Upon his return, he married the love of his life, Emily. He continued to train to become a Low Altitude Tactics Instructor, Night Systems In-

structor, Tail Gunnery Instructor, as well as a Collateral Duty Inspector. Corporal Carlson amassed over 500 total flight-hours and over 70 combat-hours while at Squadron 364. Corporal Carlson was described as someone who always wanted to help others. My condolences go out to his wife Emily, his parents Karry and Eric, his sisters Casey and Mylee and the rest of the Carlson family.

It is because of the selfless character displayed by Corporal Carlson that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again, formally recognize Corporal Nathan Carlson for his honorable service to our country.

## CELEBRATING CITY OF HOPE AND THE GRAND OPENING OF THE LENNAR FOUNDATION CANCER CENTER

**HON. KATIE PORTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2022*

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my Orange County colleagues Congressman J. LUIS CORREA, Congresswoman YOUNG KIM, Congressman MIKE LEVIN, Congressman ALAN LOWENTHAL, and Congresswoman MICHELLE STEEL to recognize City of Hope and celebrate the grand opening of their Lennar Foundation Cancer Center in Irvine, California.

We are proud that City of Hope, one of the largest cancer research and treatment organizations in the United States, has chosen Orange County for this advanced comprehensive cancer center. City of Hope's innovative research and world-class care will now be available to Orange County's 3.2 million residents. This will save lives.

Nearly twenty percent of people with cancer in Orange County have left the area for advanced cancer care, with many spending hours commuting to the City of Hope facility in Los Angeles. Now, City of Hope's Lennar Foundation Cancer Center will offer Orange County patients a fully integrated experience—from prevention through survivorship—in a convenient location close to home. This Center will be home to some of the nation's most acclaimed physicians and scientists with expertise in lung, breast, gastrointestinal, gynecological, genitourinary, blood, and other cancers.

On behalf of the residents of Orange County, we thank City of Hope for their unwavering commitment to cancer care and join in celebrating the grand opening of their Orange County Lennar Foundation Cancer Center.

LT. RIDGE ALKONIS

**HON. MIKE LEVIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2022*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express deep concern about the Japanese government's handling of the case of Lt. Ridge Alkonis, a U.S. Navy officer stationed at Yokosuka Naval Base.

Last Wednesday, the Tokyo High Court denied Lt. Alkonis' appeal to suspend a three-year prison sentence. I am deeply troubled with the treatment of Lt. Alkonis throughout the case.

Lt. Alkonis has served three tours of duty in Japan. Before he was in the Navy, he volunteered in Japan for two years. He has a deep appreciation for the country and its people.

In May 2021, Lt. Alkonis and his family were on their way home from hiking on Mount Fuji. Tragically, Lt. Alkonis lost control of his vehicle. We would later learn from a U.S. Navy physician that the unfortunate event was due to Acute Mountain Sickness causing Lt. Alkonis to lose consciousness, impacting his ability to drive. However, as a result, two bystanders heartbreakingly had their lives taken.

Lt. Alkonis is remorseful for the medical incident that caused the events of that day. He has offered \$1.65 million in extrajudicial restitution to the victims' families, a gesture expected in Japan. This is beyond the family's means, but those who care about them have rallied together to make it possible.

I've been extremely upset to learn that the case was not conducted in a way that was fair to Lt. Alkonis.

The treatment of our servicemembers in Japan is governed by the Status of Forces Agreement between our government and the Japanese government. This agreement requires our servicemembers to be released to the U.S. military during trial unless they are a flight risk. Lt. Alkonis clearly was not. Instead of being released as he was supposed to be, he was held for the maximum time period allowed, 26 days, over the objections of our government.

During those 26 days, Lt. Alkonis was not treated properly, and Japanese investigators' actions had an impact on the outcome of the trial. According to Lt. Alkonis's family, he was kept under bright lights in his cell for the purpose of sleep deprivation, withheld adequate translation services, and denied a lawyer during key questioning. Critically, the Japanese police refused Lt. Alkonis medical care and a timely medical evaluation. By refusing to conduct this test, investigators ensured they would not have evidence that would explain Lt. Alkonis's sudden loss of consciousness.

I understand that our Embassy in Tokyo has been monitoring this case. I strongly urge them to do more to support a servicemember in need.

My office has been working with the Department of the Navy and the Office of the Secretary of Defense to support Lt. Alkonis and

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